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WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Announces Grant Award to SoHi Domestic Water Improvement District For Feasibility Study

PHOENIX –Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens announced today the WIFA Board approval of an \$18,000 technical assistance grant to assist the SoHi Domestic Water Improvement District.

The grant will fund a capacity feasibility study to determine if the District should find a new water source or consolidate water sources with neighboring districts in an effort meet the community's reasonably foreseeable water needs.

"We are pleased to help the SoHi district work to find ways to meet their community's growing demands," said Owens, who is also director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "The grant will allow the SoHi district to conduct the technical evaluation required to determine the most cost effective and most beneficial solution for the community."

"The SoHi DWID is just one example of an Arizona drinking water facility utilizing a WIFA grant to meet community needs," said WIFA Executive Director Jay Spector.

Possible solutions for the SoHi DWID include connecting to the Valley Pioneer domestic water system; drilling or leasing an additional well in the Hualapai Aquifer; and drilling or leasing a well in the Sacramento Aquifer that lies west of the SoHi DWID.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.